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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

We are all trying to reduce health care costs. By updating and expanding the scope of practice for the CT Naturopathic physician, we will be accomplishing not only a reduction in health care costs, but improving the quality of care for the citizens of CT. I urge CT elected officials to modernize the CT Naturopathic physician's scope of practice.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely, Karen Miller